

REMARKS

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Claims 1-20 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 12 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Love (US 5,056,191). The Love reference, however, fails to teach the use of the engagement ends being located entirely between the knuckle ends. Love, actually teaches covering over, and thus extending beyond, the hinge ends. Claims 1 and 17 have been thusly amended to include this limitation. The present invention, through this limitation allows a fluid interaction with the hinge and therefore is more resilient to permanent mounting and remaining mounted after impact.

Furthermore, the Examiner recognized allowable subject matter in claims 8-10, and 13-16. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the recognition of this allowable matter. As such, the Applicant has rewritten 8-10 in independent form. In addition, the limitations of claim 13 have been amended into method claims 18-20 and therefore place them in conditions for allowance.

The Applicant has additionally amended the claims to remove the objectionable errors indicated by the Examiner. The Applicant, therefore, submits that all rejections have been overcome and the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance and recognition of allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0476.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Donohue", written over a horizontal line.

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